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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7): A61K 41/00, A61N 5/06, A61K 31/409, A61P 17/10, A61K 31/07, A61K 31/203, A61K 31/555

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic database(s) consulted during the international search (name of database(s) and, where practicable, search terms used)

TechSource, WEST, Delphion/DWPI, Espacenet, Chemical Abstracts, PubMed, ChemIDplus, Highwire, ScienceDirect, Google/Scholar:

IPC and ECLA: A61K, A61N, A61P

Keywords: acne vulgaris, photodynamic therapy+photochemotherapy, blue light therapy+laser therapy, skin penetration+skin absorption+enhancer+solubilizer+related terms, photosensitizer+sensitization+related terms, porphyrin (green porphyrin, lemuteporfin, verteporfin, et al), PEG+polyethylene glycol+vehicle+formulation+transdermal+related terms, retinoids+antibiotics+contraceptives+anti androgen

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO03039597 A1 (QLT INC.) 15 May 2003 examples; page 14, lines 22-25.	1-7, 13-19
Y	examples; page 2, lines 16-23; page 12, lines 21-30; page 14, lines 22-25; page 16, lines 13-14; claims 1-16	1-19
Y	US2002156062 A1 (QLT INC.) 24 October 2002 example 1; paragraphs [0006]	1-19
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[X] Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

[X] See patent family annex.

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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of the first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons :

1. ☒ Claim Nos. : 1-14

because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely :

Although claims 1-14 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the photosensitizer composition or its combination with non-photodynamic therapy medicaments.

2. ☐ Claim Nos. :

because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically :

3. ☐ Claim Nos. :

because they are dependant claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

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